

TRI-CITY RED SWEEPS DAY ONE OF THE FARGO-MOORHEAD INVITATIONAL

Moorhead, Minn. (June 28) -- Tri-City Red opened up the Fargo-Moorhead Invitational with two big wins, including a 10-4 win over the defending Nebraska State Champs, Millard West of Omaha.

In the first game of the day, a 6-3 win over Watertown, SD, Red put up a three-spot in the second inning, thanks to a lead-off single from Channing Cole. After he stole second base, Ben Kettelhut reached on an error by the third baseman to set up Trevor Rankin for an RBI single -- that moved Kettelhut to third, while Rankin moved to second on the throw.

Kettelhut ended up scoring on an error by the first baseman, while Brett Bateman doubled to bring Rankin in, which put Red up 3-0.

After Watertown slowly pieced together a rally -- which tied the game at three apiece by the bottom of the sixth inning. Red, however, answered with its own rally, by scoring three runs in top of the seventh, with two of them coming on a double from Ike Mezzenga. That was plenty of cushion for the TC Red pitching staff, as Red held Watertown scoreless in the bottom of the 7th, to get the win. Kettelhut pitched the final two and two-thirds of an inning (chalking up the win); Sean Goldman pitched the first four and one-third.

After a brief break, Red took the field against Millard West and absolutely raked. The team put up three runs in the first -- and four in the fifth -- to do the majority of the damage.

In the first inning, Bateman led off the game with a single; Ike Mezzenga then also singled, to advance Bateman to third. A single from Carter Traczyk scored Bateman, while Mezzenga then scored on a wild pitch. Cole Stenstrom hit into a fielder's choice, that allowed Traczyk to score the third run.

Red then did some major damage in the fifth, scoring four runs on five hits, including singles from Traczyk, Matt Herold and Rankin -- with doubles from Stenstrom and Sean Goldman.

Red added a couple of insurance runs in the seventh on a two-RBI triple from Jonah Sparks -- that scored Bateman and Herold, giving Red enough breathing room to withstand a three-run rally by Millard West in the bottom of the inning.

With Friday's wins, Red improves its overall season record to 8-2.

Red will play a doubleheader on Saturday -- facing Park River (ND) at 10:30 a.m., then Moorhead at 1 p.m. Both games will be at Matson Field in Moorhead.

Game Summaries, June 28, 2019:

Season Game #9

(Fargo-Moorhead Tournament Game #1)

TCR - 030 000 3 -- 6

WT - 001 011 0 -- 3

Tri-City Red: Goldman, Kettelhut (5); Herold
Watertown: Tisher, Thorson (7); Lacher

Winning Pitcher: Ben Kettelhut (2-1)

Losing Pitcher: Jacob Tisher

Season Game #10

(Fargo-Moorhead Tournament Game #2)

TCR - 310 040 2 -- 10

MW - 000 010 3 -- 4

Tri-City Red: Bateman, Traczyk (7), Kettelhut (7); Herold
Millard West: Shelton, Craft (4), Eisold (6); Tracy

Winning Pitcher: Brett Bateman (3-0)

Losing Pitcher: Austin Shelton

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Thank you,

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